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Shanghai Municipal Council.



POLICE FORCE,
(DETECTIVE BRANCH)

May 24th 1916.

Sir, It is reported that the rebels have been paying their men only six cents per day since Chen Chi Lei 陳其雷 was assassinated. The rank and file being dissatisfied with this, created a disturbance on the evening of 23rd instant in Wung Tuh Li 文德李 alleyway, Frenchtown but they dispersed after some persuasion on the part of the leaders.

With reference to the reported arrest of an officer and ten men at the Arsenal for selling bombs to the rebels, the men have been released and discharged from the Arsenal Works. The officer, whose name is Tsu Sau Ching 周紹清 is still detained.

It is reported that the family of Chen Chi Mei intend to remove his coffin to the Huchow Guild.

The delegates of the seventeen provinces who came to Nanking at the request of General Feng Kou Chang and who are now, for the time being, dispersed, are agreed as to the inadvisability of changing the President until such time as a Parliament can be convoked.

The conference at Nanking has been adjourned but will resume its sittings when representatives of the provinces which have declared independence are expected to attend. They will be invited to do so.

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. M. Munro

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

Enclosed as per May 24